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Applicant: G. King

Serial No.: 09/496,549

For: Method and System for Handling
Telecommunications Data Traffic

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Examiner: A. Qureshi

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Sir:

As of the final office action mailed November 30, 2001, claims 32-39 were pending in this application. A brief on appeal was filed on March 7, 2002 and a response/office action reopening prosecution was mailed May 23, 2002. On July 31, 2002, a set of proposed amended claims were sent to the examiner for consideration but these were deemed not allowable. The applicant thanks the examiner for the opportunity to present the proposal. Applicant has elected to reply to the May 23, 2002 response and respectfully requests reconsideration. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

C 32. (Twice Amended) A method for routing a digital data call to a destination, where the digital data call is received on a subscriber line connected to a termination unit communicating with a switch in a central office, comprising:

acquiring the digital data call at the termination unit; and

routing the digital data call to the destination on a channel external to the switch.

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Sincerely,

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